

Mike Kahoe Leaves Washington Club to Scout for World's Champion Braves

KAHOE LEAVES GRIFFMEN; IS TO SCOUT FOR CHAMPIONS

Will Do No More Work For Washington, But Jack Ryan Will Scour Minors For Nationals in Future.

Retiring "Spy" Has Had Attractive Offers From Major League Magnates For Many Years—Was a Catcher.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Mike Kahoe today notified Manager Griffith that he had completed arrangements to scout for the world's champion Boston Braves. Kahoe accompanied the Griffiths as far as Buffalo from Detroit, continuing to New York, where he conferred with Jim Gaffney, owner of the Braves. He will do no more work for the Washington club.

"Jack Ryan will do some scouting for me," said Manager Griffith today, "and I have some friends in the minors who can keep me informed of possible major leaguers by wire. I think we shall not miss many of the busters who look worth while."

For at least two years Mike Kahoe, considered one of the best scouts connected with a major league club, has received offers from other magnates. Johnny McGraw was particularly desirous of obtaining Kahoe's services. Failing to get Kahoe, McGraw took Dick Kinsella, now the Giants' principal scout.

Mike Kahoe played behind the bat with the St. Louis, Chicago, Cincinnati, and Philadelphia clubs, of the National League, and the Washington Senators, of the American League. In Cincinnati he caught Amos Russett the last time that great mound hero performed for a major league team. He quit about seven years ago, after trying unsuccessfully to hold Walter Johnson's speed. He almost immediately became a scout for the Washington club, and has been considered one of the best in the business ever since. His two best "finds" for the Nationals have been John Henry and Eddie Ainsmith, but his expert opinion has been considered whenever a player has been obtained. In this way he had his share of obtaining Eddie Foster, Danny Moeller, and Chick Gandil. It was only after Kahoe had passed judgment upon Gandil in 1912 that Manager Griffith hustled from New York to Montreal and clinched the purchase of the first-sacker.

Jack Ryan, who assumes the role of scout for the Griffiths, is also a veteran backstop. It has been many years since he performed for the old Boston Nationals, the Baltimore Orioles and the Detroit Americans, but for years he was connected with the biggest of minor leagues. Before joining the Nationals in the capacity of coach for young pitchers, Ryan was owner and manager of the Jersey City International. He has been tied up with the Washington club for slightly more than three years. Kahoe is a native of Cincinnati, while Ryan hails from Haverhill, Mass.

Ray Morgan has small chance of regaining his place in the Griffiths' infield for some days. Griffith knows aught of his condition.

"Morgan has no displaced cartilage in his knee, as was first supposed," says the Old Fox. "He has a stiff knee today, though, and seems to be suffering from a sort of water on the knee. There is no telling at all when he will be able to play ball, and I shall make no attempt to try him until he is in shape to play his best brand of ball. However, his injury is not serious. It will eventually take a turn for the better and he will yet be able to play ball."

Until Morgan is in condition, Eddie Foster will continue to play his star game around the midway, with Doug Neff and Tommy Connolly alternating at third until some better man is obtained.

Ban Johnson, boss of the American League, is inspecting his umpire staff, and may reasonably be expected to arrive here shortly to look at some of his officials in action. His decision came following an open letter sent him by a large number of Chicago fans, insisting that his umpires were the poorest in the league. It might be another matter for the league head to assist the Washington club to find the purchase money for Baker, provided the player expressed a willingness to play here.

Though Johnson says that the "Feds" are through, they have begun an attack on the American Association, and rumors have it that they will also go after major leaguers whose contracts are ending with October next. Pete Compton, slated for the Browns, has hurried to the Stouffville. Third baseman Kores, a Pittsburgh player, has also hurried to Fiedler Jones' outfit. The Feds apparently have plenty of money.

While in St. Louis the other day, Ban Johnson admitted that he would like to strengthen the Browns, adding that "baseball fans do not want a loser, and will not support a loser." That is the exact situation in Washington today. The fans have tired of supporting a loser. Of course, few fans realize the difficulties of Manager Griffith, who must find the players and then trust to luck that they will deliver the goods. The present indebtedness of the local

THE LINE-UP.

INDIANS	GRIFFMEN.
Southworth, lf.	Moeller, rf.
Chapman, ss.	Foster, 2b.
Eachen, cf.	Millan, cf.
Kirke, lf.	Shanks, lf.
Smith, rf.	Gandil, lb.
Barbare, 3b.	Henry, c.
Wamby, 2b.	Ainsmith, c.
O'Neill, c.	McBride, ss.
Egan, c.	Neff, 3b.
Morton, p.	Connolly, 3b.
Hagerman, p.	Shaw, p.
	Boehling, p.

Game at 3:30 p. m.

club militates against its spending much money for the purchase of costly players. On this account Manager Griffith has been obliged to green players with the idea of developing them into major leaguers.

The addition of Frank Baker, providing Connie Mack would sell him to the Griffiths, and providing Baker would come here, would just about make the Nationals the strongest of contenders. The team has no .300 hitter in its line-up. It has no clean-up slugger of the Baker type, and it is just this weakness which has kept the Griffiths from disputing with the leaders all season.

It has frequently been charged that Ban Johnson could manipulate his league to suit himself. This, of course, is foolish and the present situation goes to hammer home the falsity of the charge. Johnson cannot swing Baker to the Nationals if Connie Mack were to oppose the sale. But Johnson must use his influence to find the necessary money for the purchase of Baker. If otherwise it were possible for the Washington club to get the slugger.

Baker would cost the Nationals a pot of money. He would demand a handsome salary. But one pennant would cover all this money. Right now the Griffiths, not even contenders, are most popular on the road. Washington fans would rally in thousands to their support, if they were up in the race, and profits at home would be correspondingly larger for the presence of Baker in the line-up.

Unless something along this line is done, Manager Griffith has a hard row to hoe. He must slowly build up a winner in the face of a dwindling gate. Perhaps it is up to the fans of Washington, by the way, to those of Chicago to force a little red-hot action on the part of the league czar.

Speaking of that letter from Chicago fans to Ban Johnson, it did more to stir the sporting spirit of the South than any other letter of the kind has done for years. Here's the paragraph proving that Chicago fans are there with the real stuff when it comes to sportsmanship:

"It is not so much that the rulings of your arbitrators have gone against the home club, but some of the decisions handed to the visiting clubs were entirely unsatisfactory."

No wonder, after receiving such a letter, Ban Johnson exerted himself. In these matters for at least three years attention has been called to the blind work of various officials. Some of these umpires are not now in the league, but O'Loughlin, Chalmers and Nalley are. They are doing as much to sicken fans everywhere as the indifference of a major league team. He is sincerely to be hoped that Ban Johnson will see some of their poor work and act upon it.

A bit of gossip floating around St. Louis has Manager Griffith angling for the return of Ed Groen. The elbow pitcher is probably responsible for this rumor himself. It is doubtful if he would be given a chance here again. Manager Griffith having declared himself on this point at least twice. Groen, by the way, had a poor year in 1914, and, while starting well, bids fair to repeat this season.

League Standing

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.	Today.
Boston	35	24	.593	1st
Chicago	34	25	.576	2d
Detroit	34	26	.567	3d
Washington	34	27	.558	4th
New York	32	29	.522	5th
St. Louis	32	30	.517	6th
Philadelphia	30	32	.484	7th

Tomorrow's Games.

Cleveland at Washington.	St. Louis at Philadelphia.
Chicago at Boston.	Detroit at New York.

Today's Games.

Cleveland at Washington.	St. Louis at Philadelphia.
Chicago at Boston.	Detroit at New York.

Yesterday's Results.

No games scheduled.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.	Today.
Phillies	42	16	.724	1st
Brooklyn	41	17	.707	2d
Chicago	41	18	.693	3d
Pittsburgh	41	19	.683	4th
Boston	40	20	.667	5th
New York	40	21	.658	6th
St. Louis	39	22	.642	7th
Cincinnati	38	23	.621	8th

Tomorrow's Games.

New York at Chicago.	Brooklyn at Pittsburgh.
Boston at Cincinnati.	Philadelphia at St. Louis.

Today's Games.

New York at Pittsburgh.	Boston at Brooklyn.
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Yesterday's Results.

Phillies, 6; Cincinnati, 2.	Pittsburgh, 7; New York, 1.
New York, 5; Pittsburgh, 6.	Brooklyn, 12; St. Louis, 6.
Boston, 1; Chicago, 6.	

FEDERAL LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.	Today.
Chicago	32	28	.533	1st
Kansas City	31	27	.533	2d
St. Louis	31	28	.522	3d
Pittsburgh	30	29	.510	4th
Brooklyn	30	30	.500	5th
Buffalo	29	31	.484	6th
Baltimore	28	32	.467	7th

Tomorrow's Games.

Newark at St. Louis.	Brooklyn at Kansas City (two games).
Baltimore at Pittsburgh (two games).	Buffalo at Chicago.

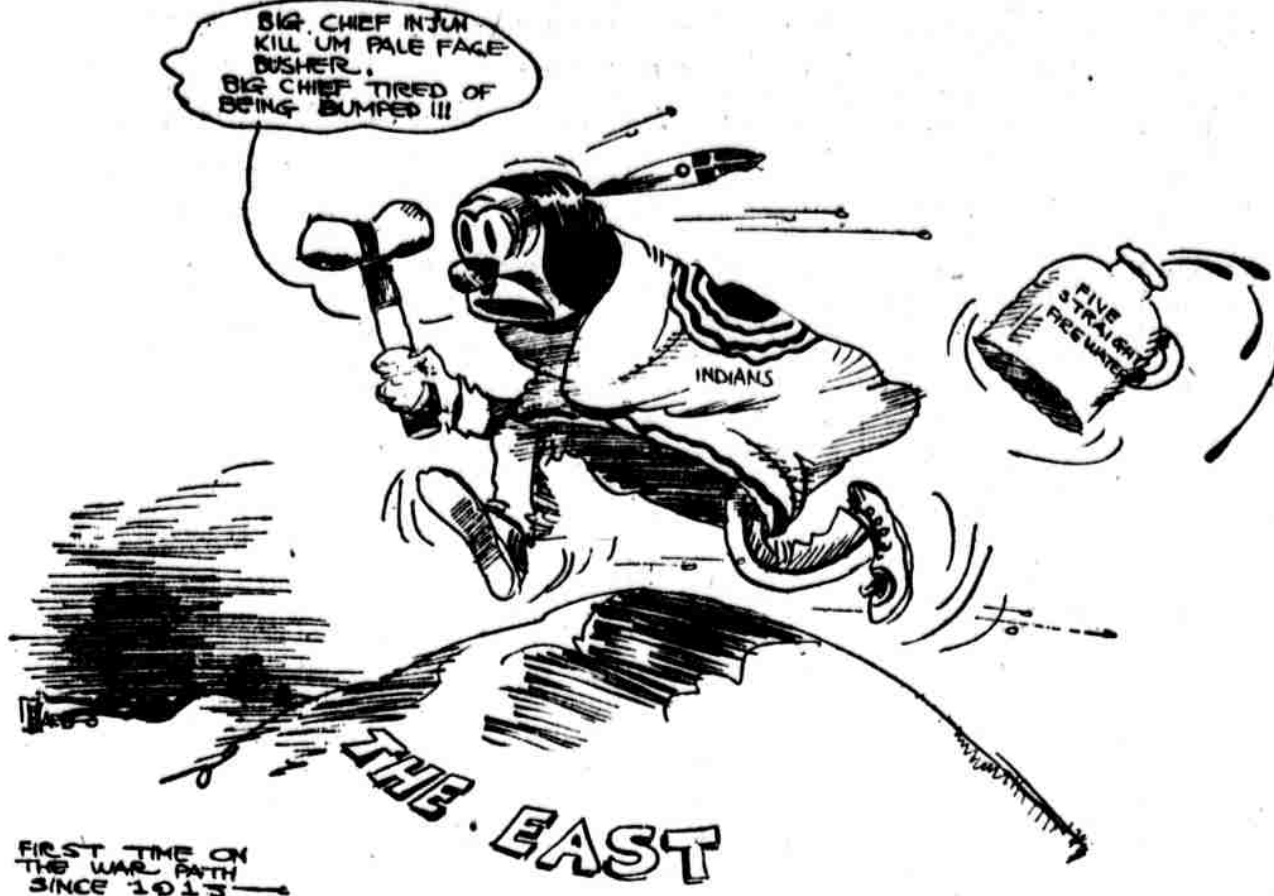
Today's Games.

Newark at St. Louis.	Brooklyn at Kansas City.
Baltimore at Pittsburgh.	Buffalo at Chicago.

Yesterday's Results.

Newark, 3; Pittsburgh, 1.	Chicago, 11; Baltimore, 8.
Chicago, 1; Baltimore, 8.	St. Louis, 6; Brooklyn, 5.

THEY'RE COMING WITH WAR PAINT



Suspends Twirlers Lacking Box Control

Charlie Herzog Docks Salaries of Benton and Lear Until They Show Big League Class—Pflester May Join Pat Moran's Phillies.

Suspending pitchers until they recover control is the latest stunt shown to a wondering baseball world by Charlie Herzog, the Cincinnati manager. King Lear, former Princeton star, and Rube Benton, the veteran southpaw, have been out on the bench without salary until they prove by actual work that their control is of big league caliber. Though it is rumored that both pitchers will quit the Reds, Herzog denies it. Furthermore, Herzog intends to work this stunt in every department of his team. Unless the players deliver the real goods, they will be suspended without pay.

Benton and Lear were suspended because of their wildness in the doubleheader with Philadelphia Saturday, when their passes paved the way to victory for the Phillies. With the temporary dropping of these two hurlers the Red pitching staff has been reduced to four members: Jean Dale, Pete Schneider, Fred Toney, and a recruit named McKenney, are all that remain.

Pat Moran, manager of the Phillies, the National League leaders, is expected to give Jack Pfeister, the former Cubs' southpaw, a berth with his team. Pfeister has been pitching in semi-professional games around Cincinnati, and he worked out with the Phils yesterday. So good did he look that Moran conferred with him as to joining the prospective champions. Pfeister will probably earn his salary more as a coacher for young pitchers, but he believes he still has enough to take his place on the rubber every now and then with a fair chance of success. He has won nineteen straight for a strong semi-professional team in Redland this season.

War between the Feds and the American Association was further evidenced today when Sanford Burk jumped the Indianapolis club and reported to the Pittsburgh Pirates. Burk is a pitcher who had a trial with the St. Louis Cardinals, and has been with the Hendricks' team for two years.

Jimmy Gilmore, boss of the Feds, says that many clubs in the A. A. are behind

HOME CLUB MATCHES SCHEDULED TODAY

Singles and Doubles Carded in Popular Tennis Event For Clerks.

Home Club racquetballers are running off their matches in the closed tournament daily, and expect to get the doubles completed with the singles by the end of the week.

Today's singles and doubles matches are carded as follows: Singles—Second round, H. O. Clayton, Mines, vs. R. F. Marine, Patent. Doubles—First round, J. Harvey, Secretary's Office, and C. B. Withauer, Land, vs. J. W. Myer, and W. S. Warren, of Land Office, and C. P. Knapp and T. E. Knapp, Reclamation, vs. J. Herman, and B. Lee, Land.

The results of yesterday's engagements follow: J. B. Beadle, Reclamation, defeated C. N. Culloch, Reclamation, 6-2 and 6-4; C. G. James, Pension, defeated C. P. Knapp, Reclamation, 6-0 and 6-0; B. F. Andrews, Education, defeated R. C. Wells, Geological Survey, 7-5 and 8-6; G. V. Nunbers, Reclamation, won from J. K. Mannock, Mines, by default, and R. E. Marine, Patent, won from H. O. Ames, Pension, in the third and deciding set of a postponement, 6-0.

Referee Outside.

NEW YORK, July 27.—Jack Britton and Johnny Dundee have agreed to an innovation in the plans for their bout here Thursday evening by consenting that the referee shall officiate from outside the ring. The State boxing commission will decide tomorrow whether to approve the promised change from boxing tradition. The winner of this bout will move a step in the direction of a match with Freddie Welsh, the lightweight champion.

General Bombardment Helps League Leaders

Phillies and Dodgers Both Climb—Pirates and Giants Split Even and Cubs Drop Fourth Straight to Champion Braves.

Bancroft's bounding home run walloped, with two runners on, and the general bombardment of the Cardinal fingers by those desperate Dodgers, allowed Brooklyn and Philadelphia to climb a bit in the red hot National League scramble yesterday. The Pirates split even with the Giants and the Cubs dropped their fourth straight to the world's champion Boston Braves. Therefore, the Phillies and Dodgers did something worth while.

Tommy Griffith came in fast for Bancroft's drive at Cincinnati, but the ball was going with great speed and when it bounced, it carried right over his head and rolled to the wall. That put Moran's Phillies out in front and they hammered Schneider from the slab in the next session, clinching the game, 6 to 2.

The Dodgers took great delight in piling singles, doubles, and even a triple and a homer off the Cardinals' pitchers. Sallee and Perdue were forced to quit and "Red" Ames took a lacing while he performed. Appleton wasn't really good, but he was good enough to win, 13 to 8. Anybody could win when backed by such clout.

Before hiking westward the Braves to another fall out of the Cubs, 1 to 0, Adams, the Cub twirler, pitched five ball, allowing only three hits. However, two of them were bunched with a sacrifice in the fifth for the lone run of the day. A single and two passes put three Cubs on the sacks in the ninth, and Ragan gave way to Hughes. The new comer breezed the first batsman, and compelled the next to hit into a double play.

Matty lost a pitching duel yesterday to "Babe" Adams, of Pittsburgh, 2 to 1. Hans Wagner's single, followed by Viox's sacrifice and Baird's double, settled Matty's fate in the eighth. The second game, though, was a victory for the Giants, 3 to 0, thanks to the good work of Jeff Teague on the mound. He fanned seven Pirates, and allowed but five blows.

"Stuffy" McInnis will not be in the Mackmen's line-up for several days. He has received word that his mother is ill at Gloucester, Mass., and he has gone home to her. During his absence, Larry Lajoie will hold down first base and Lewis Malone, the St. Joseph's star, will play second.

Two players from Charleston, S. C., have reported to the Athletics, and will be tried out shortly. They are Fillingim, a pitcher, and Bankston, who catches and plays first base. Both more or less skill. Both were leading performers in the South Atlantic

Big League Biffers Of a Day

	AB.	H.	TB.	Av.
McLary, Cubs...	3	3	3	1.000
Dolan, Cards...	2	2	2	1.000
Grant, Giants...	1	1	1	1.000
Hughes, Braves...	1	1	1	1.000
Groh, Reds...	4	3	5	.750
Merkle, Giants...	4	3	4	.750
Wheat, Dodgers...	4	3	3	.750
Doyle, Giants...	3	2	2	.667
Snodgrass, Giants...	3	2	2	.667
Carey, Pirates...	4	2	3	.500
Rodgers, Reds...	4	2	3	.500
Snyder, Cards...	4	2	2	.500
Mollwitz, Reds...	4	2	2	.500

League, which recently quit for the season.

Now it is rumored that the New York Yankees will train in Cuba next spring. Captain Huston, one of the owners of the Yankees, formerly lived in Havana, and is said to have decided to have his team go there in February.

Fleider Jones' squabble over the inefficient umpiring in the Federal League, has resulted in the release of Harry Howell, the former St. Louis Browns' pitcher, and William Fyfe, both of these arbitrators were charged with being biased against the Stouffville and President Griffith has apparently believed the charge.

Outclinch Houck.

LANCASTER, Pa., July 27.—The six-round bout tonight at the Lancaster Athletic Club between Leo Houck, of this city, and Sailor Grande, of Philadelphia, proved a disappointment, being marred by constant clinching. Grande was the chief offender. Houck did most of the leading and used his famous left jab repeatedly, but without telling results. Grande frequently rushed Houck to the ropes, where a hard mix-up took place. Grande tried hard for a knock-out, but Houck was never in danger. The verdict of the crowd was that Houck shored the sailor, but neither boxer bore any marks.

Moran Wins.

LONDON, July 27.—Frank Moran, the Pittsburgh heavyweight, defeated Gordon Sims in the sixth round at Blackfriars last night. Sims is a comparative newcomer in the fighting game.

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